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The assembly refused to concur, on Saturday, in the senate bill making interest 10 and 6.

Ex-Congressman Caswell has returned to Fort Atkinson, from Washington, and is now trying to establish a cotton factory. Ex-Congressmen do not generally go into industrial pursuits after quitting congress.

James Ross, known almost to every man in the state as an orator, and the fighter of the "demon" whisky, is living in San Francisco, and still keeps sober. James was one of the brands plucked from the burning.

The people of Waukesha want a railway from that place to Geneva Lake, thirty-one miles, and have filed articles of association with the secretary of state. The capital stock will be \$200,000, and the incorporators are E. J. Yonmons, and Makwango, A. F. Stobbins, T. W. Haight, E. W. Chapin and H. W. Enos, of Waukesha, and Alexander Frazier and C. S. Miller, of East Troy.

The Evening Wisconsin prints an interesting item regarding the late Matt Carpenter's business relations with the publishing house of Little, Brown & Co., of Boston. In 1848, Rufus Choate, with whom Matt studied law, introduced him to the great publishing house as a young man who loved books and was worthy of confidence. From that day until his death, Mr. Carpenter was a liberal patron of this house, sending his check now and then as the matter was brought to his mind, to liquidate his indebtedness. A few days ago Mrs. Carpenter was surprised to receive a letter from Little, Brown & Co., inclosing a draft for \$33, the amount overpaid by Mr. Carpenter. They had cast up an account of thirty-five years standing, and, finding a balance against them, promptly remitted it. This is a proceeding as unusual as it is honorable.

Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the national woman's christian temperance union, and her secretary, Miss Anna Gordon, are en route to California and the territories on a temperance trip.

An invention for the reproduction of spoken words has been brought out by Gentili, which promises to become more useful and practical than phonography. It is designed to supersede the ordinary system of short hand writing by having an instrument do the writing automatically, registering the sounds on a paper ribbon from which they can be read and copied at leisure. The machine consists of a small apparatus to be placed in the mouth, connected by a wire with a battery in the registering machine, which can be close at hand or at any reasonable distance. If a speech is to be reported the reporter places the little apparatus in his mouth and repeats noiselessly to himself the words spoken by the orator. No sound is necessary, as it is the movement of the tongue and lips which produce the action, and the spoken words are instantaneously registered on the paper, which may be in a neighboring printing office, in a series of lines with slight curves and angles for the different sounds. The labor is much compared to stenography, and is nothing greater speed and accuracy are insured than is possible with it.

WHAT TWIN MEANS.

One day last week the Madison Democrat printed the following:

Will some Mississippi river man explain what the word "twin" means, in taking soundings? No one seems to have answered the question, probably for the reason that no "Mississippi river man" has seen it. The word, of course, means two, and as applied to the taking of soundings on the river signifies two fathoms, a depth of twelve feet. Those who have frequently been on the Mississippi, and particularly those who were in the war, and traveled considerably on transports, will distinctly remember the leadman's cry of "no bottom!" "mark twain" (twelve feet), and so on. The leadman, we believe, never used the term "half a twain," but when one fathom or less, of water was reached, he would sing out the number of feet.

In connection with the leadman's term of "mark twain," is an interesting story of how Mr. Samuel L. Clemens appropriated that for a nom de plume. When he was on the Lower Mississippi, just before the war, as a pilot apprentice, there was a noted captain on the river named Isaiah Sellers. He frequently wrote paragraphs of a humorous nature for the New Orleans papers, and signed "Mark Twain" to them. Shortly after there was a sort of contest between Captain Sellers and Mr. Clemens as to which could write the most extravagant articles in describing river events that occurred long in the past before either was born or a white man had an existence in the Mississippi valley. It is probably not necessary to say that Clemens completely crushed Sellers, and the contest ended. Between 1862 and 1864, Mr. Clemens was city editor of the Virginia City (Nevada) Enterprise, and while there he heard of Captain Sellers' death, and immediately appropriated the nom de plume of "Mark Twain," a name by which he is so well known on both sides of the Atlantic.

Banks fail, insurance companies fail but Collins' Cherry Cough Cure never fails. It does not cure consumption, colds or cancer, but it will cure a cough every time. It is pleasant, safe, certain, cheap, and is sold by Prantice & Evenden.

WHY MACALISTER WAS CALLED EAST.

We notice in the Milwaukee papers that Mr. James MacAlister, who has been superintendent of the public schools of that city for several years past, has been called to take charge of the public schools of Philadelphia. There is something quite significant in this call of Mr. MacAlister. The board of education of Philadelphia consists of seven members, and every one of them voted for that gentleman. This may be considered strange when the east contains so many accomplished scholars and well-known educators. But after a most exhaustive investigation by the board of education, every claim and qualification being thoroughly enquired into, it was unanimously decided that all the educators in this country, Mr. MacAlister was the most worthy of the position.

This is certainly a very serious reflection upon the school teachers in the United States. It is a public notice that there is one man out west more competent to manage the schools of Philadelphia than any man in the east. The reasons why the board decided to take Mr. MacAlister were (1) the extreme scarcity of competent scientific teachers; (2) that Mr. MacAlister believes in educating the hand as well as the head; (3) that he is opposed to the eternal cramming process in vogue in nearly all our public schools; and (4) that Mr. MacAlister is "thoroughly versed in classic literature and imbued with a keen appreciation of its intrinsic worth and its surprising charm to the highly-cultured intellect, and also that he is deeply impressed with a sense of the necessity of remodeling the present system of education to meet the imperative demands of a realistic age in the direction of industrial training."

Mr. MacAlister believes in reform in teaching boys and girls and young men and young women. The average teacher in the east, and there are many of them in the west, do not believe in this kind of reform, at least they never try to adopt it. The ideas that control the present methods of education were formed something like 400 years ago, and it is about time to come down to common sense in teaching. Mr. MacAlister is striving to inaugurate that reform, and all those who believe in taking the machine methods out of the schools, and putting in their places practical and industrial training coupled with classical literature, will wish him success.

ARSON AND MURDER.

The Fatal Result of a Game of Police - A Commercial Traveler Killed and Cremated.

DALLAS, Tex., March 12.—Great excitement exists among the citizens of Terrell, and also in Dallas and among the large number of drummers who travel in Texas, over a dying statement of a most tragic nature said to have been made a few days ago by Samuel Finley, local agent of an express company at Terrell. The wildest sort of rumors have been afloat ever since, but on account of the high standing of the parties alleged to have been mentioned by the dying man and the terrible crime—arson and murder—confessed, but little up to this day has been allowed to reach the public. However, the sensation has drifted into the local papers at last, and is to the effect that on the night following the day of the reunion of the Ross brigade at Terrell, last fall, that town was startled by a fire which destroyed the Star block, the finest business house in that place. The town was full of people from the surrounding towns and country, who were taking in the ball or the theater. From the first it was believed by many that the fire originated from the upsetting of a lamp by a party who was engaged in a game of poker in the upper part of the building, but as there was nothing to be made by finding out who the parties were engaged with, no one troubled themselves to find out. The fire broke out about the time the fire broke out, and when he realized that death was near he knewed by his physical condition. He responded to the summons of the dying man, who informed him that on the night of the fire, Sam Bowen, James McElroy, and the influence of liquor, and still drinking, repaired to the upper floor of the building and were joined by a drummer. They engaged in a game of cards. In the course of the game a dispute arose between the drummer and one of the boys who terminated in the latter drawing a six-shooter and blowing the first man's brains out. The drummer then drew a second shot, which exploded and set fire to the house, the boys having a narrow escape for their own lives. The body of the drummer was cremated in the fire, and all evidence was thus destroyed. The news of such a tragedy struck the people with horror and astonishment. It was whispered on all sides and soon reached Dallas, but no particulars could be learned. The local papers of Terrell deny the truthfulness of the story, but many people believe there is something in it, and the belief is strengthened by the fact that they published no denial from the physicians. The latter refuse to divulge what the dying confession was, saying sympathy, Christian consideration, the sanctity of the grave, should be maintained. The matter, however, has been in Terrell several days attempting to ferret out the mystery, but they are very uncommittal. There is hardly a doubt but an official investigation will be necessary to clear the mystery up. The alleged confession is an all-absorbing topic.

Death of a Noted Prince. - Prince Baden Baden, March 12.—Prince Gortschakoff, ex-chancellor of the Russian empire, is dead. He was in the 84th year of his age, after having been for more than six years in official employment, beginning as secretary of state and ending as chancellor of the Russian empire. Virtually, his last service to his sovereign was rendered in the close of the powers in Berlin in 1875, at the congress of the powers in 1875, and the issue of that memorable congress is evidence that the intellect of the great statesman with whom he was brought into contact.

Funeral of Elliot. - New York, March 12.—The late James Elliot, the pugilist, who fell by the pistol of Jerry Dunn, about ten days since, was buried in New York, yesterday, with distinguished honors, about fifteen hundred people following the body to the grave. McGloin, who was hanged Friday, was also given a public funeral by his friends.

Prof. Foxworth's Making Powder - IS PUT UP IN GLASS BOTTLES, having wide mouths to admit a spoon. Bottles are preferable to tin cans as they

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WASHINGTON.

The Famous Yellowstone Park Finally Gobbled by a Gang of Speculators.

No Less Than Seven Valuable Leases Secured by Uncle Rufus Hatch & Co.

Preparations Making to Build the New War Vessels Ordered by Congress.

Treasury Officials Excited Over the Promised Exposure of the Alleged "Ring."

The Crookedness of the District Detectives Being Brought to Light.

Startling Disclosures in the Star-Route Matter Promised at an Early Date.

THE YELLOWSTONE PARK.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The company that leased ten acres in Yellowstone park have shadowily selected small tracts, widely separated, and in the immediate neighborhood of the most attractive spots that visitors will be likely to select. The lease does not actually cover the space occupied by the geysers and springs and falls, but it does what is equivalent to that, and grants all that the company of speculators could have hoped for. The ten acres is divided into seven tracts, ranging in size from one to two acres, and in some instances lying directly alongside of the great natural curiosities of the park. One tract containing an acre lies on the banks of the beautiful Yellowstone lake, near its outlet. There is an acre and a half close to the Canyon or Great Falls; another tract of the same size twenty-five feet from Tower falls; then there are two acres at Mammoth springs, where the \$250,000 hotel is to be erected; another on Madison river, near the western boundary line of the park; another lies a quarter of a mile from "Old Faithful" and within a few feet of Soda Butte springs.

The Rufus Hatch Yellowstone park syndicate is thus the first in the field. It has secured a legal lease to seven hotel-sites in the most eligible situation in the park. The Hatch combination has had the advantage of being on the ground and of knowing exactly what was wanted. It also has not chosen to stand upon what is called its vested rights to the whole park, which it claimed belonged to it under the contract for a lease with the assistant secretary of the interior. The agent of the company here says that \$25,000 have already been expended in getting out lumber and in preparing to erect hotels; the work will proceed forthwith, and that the hotels will all be ready for occupancy without doubt this season. The railroad will be completed to a point much more accessible to the park, and his right-secre will have a new world opened to them.

THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH. The reports as to the illness of President Arthur are greatly exaggerated. The only trouble with him is a slight catarrhal cold, and the trouble that comes to most society people here, resulting from his exertions. Mr. Arthur has been the center of the social world this winter, as well as the head of the administration. The cause of his illness has been as exacting as those of the other. There have been few days that the president has not dined very elaborately, and he has taken but little physical exercise. His mind, however, has been unusually relaxed, and he has been leading his life in a more leisurely manner. He has been suffering from a high pressure life that he has been leading since he retired here. He is not troubled with any serious illness. His physicians have recommended rest, and Florida has been suggested, but it is hardly probable that he will leave the time for so long a trip as one to Florida, and besides, it has been suggested that it is rather late in the season to go there. The president's health is not as good as it was some time ago, but it is not as bad as it is reported to be. He is expected to remain at the White House until the summer, when he will take the United States steamer Dispatch, which has come to be regarded as a sort of Government yacht.

THE STAR-ROUTE TROUBLES. Judge Lilly, the old gentleman who was known by the name of the "star-route" man, has been a few days ago, is still confined to his home by the injuries received at that time. He was found at his residence this evening, seated in a low wooden chair, with a invalid's air, and he readily related his account of the cowardly assault. He says the attack occurred on a charge made by Dorsey that he had induced Dorsey to turn against the star-route men. The judge says he knows all about the rascality of Dorsey, and he has checked him out of their earnings while they were in his power. It is in behalf of those men that he went as counsel to see Dorsey. He is very severe in his denunciation of the star-route men, because they were not without warning, and Dorsey kicked him below the belt while he was lying on the floor. This act, he remarks, would have been a disgrace to the lowest personage of the prize-fighting world. He intends to prosecute Dorsey for the ordinary course of law which his health is sufficiently recovered to enable him to attend to business.

THE CASE OF SHEPHERD. The state department has received no intimation as to the intentions of the British government relative to the execution of the warrant for the arrest of P. J. Sheridan. Inquiry at the British legation elicited the information that while no further steps had been taken in the matter no instructions from the home had been received to abandon further proceedings, the steps thus far taken being merely preliminary to the case, having been reserved for the part of the government to pass upon the evidence adduced, and had the case been abandoned, the action of the British legation would have been influenced by the weight and character of the evidence which it may be possible to furnish in support of the charges. There is reason to believe that the matter will not be pressed unless the British government feels assured that it can make out a case which will satisfy the state department that extradition should be granted.

THE CIVIL-SERVICE COMMISSION. The members of the civil service commission called at the executive mansion Saturday, and had a short conference with the president in regard to the general plan of operations to be observed in carrying the law into effect. It was agreed that the commission should prepare a list of rules in regard to the questions under their jurisdiction and submit them to the president for approval. The selection of a chief examiner under the commission has not yet agreed upon.

A CORRUPT DETECTIVE FORCE. The citizens' committee is constantly obtaining new evidence as to the complicity of old detectives of the district with "fences" and "thieves." The Star publishes the confession of another thief, now in jail, which confirms the confession of other burglars and exposes the corruption of the detective system. The com-

mission makes Arthur Harty's statement as to the action of A. B. Williams, a local criminal lawyer, who is also engaged as counsel in the star-route cases. The thief alleges that Williams has been in the company with a noted "fence," took his plunder on promise to protect him from plunder. According to common rumors A. B. Williams is the lawyer employed by the star-route defendants, to whom fourteen men report daily for some unknown duty in connection with the case. Williams himself is under indictment in the matter, and has been indicted on a charge of jury-fixing. He has a seat in the star-route trial beside the eminent counsel retained by Brady and Dorsey.

THE ALLEGED TREASURY RING. Secretary Folger is very reticent about the charges made against Supervising Architect Hill and the alleged government building ring. He says no charges have been filed, and that by the time they are filed he will be at home in his little drawer. When asked whether there would be an investigation, he said: "Oh, yes, you young men may rest assured of that, but I do not say when or how it will occur." Mr. Hill says he doesn't know what it is all about, but presumes somebody has revived the old, exploded story about the contract. Mr. Hill was in a fine humor and did not appear to care in a fig for the matter, although startling disclosures of official irregularities were currently reported to be promised.

CONGRESSMAN PAUL. The appointment of Congressman John Paul to a United States circuit judge of Virginia leaves a vacancy in the roll of the Forty-eighth congress. Judge Paul lives in the Shenandoah valley district and was the main prop of the Republican coalition in that district, and even he came out with so slender a majority in the last congressional race that his right to a seat is contested by the Democratic claimant, Mr. Overfall. A new election is to be held to fill the vacancy, but the Democrats will not put a candidate in the field, because they claim that Overfall was elected and no vacancy was caused by the death of Paul to a judgeship. Both Paul and Overfall were Confederate soldiers, and were confined for a long time as prisoners of war in Fort Delaware.

ANOTHER DENIAL FROM DORSEY. Ex-Senator Dorsey furnishes the following: "A dispatch from Denver states that the so-called Belford check was really given to J. L. Bissell, their initials being the same. There seems to be a determination to insist that there was such a check, and the cars in my hands with my initials are J. B. B. If I ever saw Bissell, I don't remember it. I certainly never gave him a check. I never played a game of cards for money in my life. I never issued a check, and I never saw a check issued by me, or an account in my book in the name of J. B. B. To be certain as to this fact I have had my checks examined running back for ten years."

NEW WAR VESSELS. Secretary Chandler has instructed the naval advisory board to proceed at once and prepare plans for the five new United States war vessels provided for by congress, consisting of three steel cruisers and two torpedo boats, also, to arrange for the completion and repair of the four minelayers. The latter will be worked upon the first, and it is thought the first contract will be given out in two months.

BONDS. Secretary Folger has received application from the state of New York through the state controller for the redemption on April 1 next of \$3,000,000 United States bonds embraced in the last call which will mature May 1 next, with interest only to the time of redemption. As the government would thereby save one month's interest the secretary is inclined to assent to the proposition.

NO EXTRA SESSION. The rumor that an extra session of the senate is contemplated for the purpose of considering the Mexican treaty has no foundation. The further consideration of this treaty was formally postponed until December by a vote of the senate, and no one of the senators here have heard of any desire for an extra session of the senate to re-open the question.

TRADE AND LABOR. Important Secret Meetings of the Association of Iron Workers Throughout Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH, March 12.—Representatives from all the Amalgamated lodges in this district held a meeting Saturday to consider the scale of wages for next year, beginning July 1. The representation consists of one pugler and one finisher from each lodge. Meetings were also held in all other districts of the association in the United States. The recommendations of each lodge regarding the rate of wages to be paid next year were discussed, and delegates were elected to each district to attend a state convention to be held in this city on the 15th of April. The meeting was held with closed doors, and very little could be learned of what was done. Inquiry at Amalgamated headquarters as to the feeling among the workers as regards the wages was met by the officers with the reply that they had nothing to say, as they did not know what the meeting would do.

A non-official member of the association, however, made a statement which will greatly increase the anxiety until the result is known. He is a muck-raker, and said: "The statement made the other day that no muck-rakers were to be admitted to the association was a lie. The wages so far as the puglers and muck-rakers are concerned. At the meeting in this city, and I have reason to believe at all the other meetings, a proposition will be submitted on behalf of the puglers which, if adopted, is sure to cause trouble. The proposition is that instead of the rate for rolling being based on barrel should be based on a higher price. The puglers want for this rate more than 50 per cent of the iron improved in this city is not sold as bar-iron, but is worked up into castings of some of which sell for as high as \$125 per ton, and yield an immense profit. Their proposition, if adopted, will probably be a demand for an increase in the wages of puglers of less than 15 per cent. There is a show of reason in their statement that over 50 per cent of the iron manufactured is worked up into specialties, but if their demand is adopted by the puglers it will cause serious trouble, because the wages of puglers are already much higher than they should be in proportion to the amount of skill required and because the puglers are much more numerous than the puglers are in present wages if they can be got without trouble."

Among the manufacturers the opinion was expressed very positively that on no account they would consent to pay increased wages, and about one-half of those spoken to said that it would be strange if the manufacturers did not propose a reduction.

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